

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1253

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Principal Lex Suite of West Carroll Junior/Senior High School upon winning the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding school principals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator is Lex Suite, Principal of West Carroll Junior/Senior High School in Atwood, who has recently received the 2010 Value-Added Achievement Award for K-8 middle schools in West Tennessee presented by the Education Consumers Foundation (ECF), an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the invaluable contributions he has made to the education of the youth of this State; and

WHEREAS, ECF recognized the achievements of eighteen of the most effective principals from across the state at the Old Supreme Court Chamber at the State Capitol in Nashville on April 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Value-Added Achievement Award recognizes that West Carroll Junior/Senior High School, with Principal Suite at its helm, has been among the most effective of Tennessee's more than 1,300 elementary and middle schools in teaching reading/language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, West Carroll Junior/Senior High School was selected on the basis of its most recent three-year-average achievement gains in the subjects of reading/language arts and mathematics; unlike most education awards, this one is based solely on objectively measured achievement gain; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Suite's leadership, West Carroll Junior/Senior High School has seen superior results among its entire student body, as every student has been encouraged to fulfill his or her learning potential; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as principal, in which position he has been awarded the Value-Added Achievement Award four times, Lex Suite has developed a stellar team and maintained a relentless focus on student learning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suite is an extremely talented and compassionate principal who works assiduously to motivate his students as both scholars and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lex Suite truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Principal Lex Suite of West Carroll Junior/Senior High School upon winning the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.